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THE STATE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE

Will Work in Harmony With the State Tax Commission in Interest of All Citizens.

Albuquerque, N. M., April 19.—The proposal for organization of a New Mexico Taxpayers' League has met with hearty approval from representative taxpayers in all parts of New Mexico, and members of the tentative organization here have received numerous letters and personal expressions voicing this approval in the strongest terms. These letters are from Democrats and Republicans and all of them emphasize the point that the matters at issue are larger than any question of political advantage, emphasis being laid generally upon the fact that the state tax commission in initiating the new full valuation assessment system, with the short time at its disposal and with the many complications present should be given organized and efficient support from those who wish to see New Mexico placed upon a sound taxation and revenue basis as quickly as possible.

One of the most practical suggestions has come from Hugo Seaberg of Haton, one of the prominent business men of Colfax county. Mr. Seaberg has given time and care to the study of taxation questions and his idea is that the Taxpayers' League, to be successful, must start with the county organization as the unit, each county having its independent league of taxpayers, dealing with local county revenue and economic questions and conditions; and with sufficient revenue, derived from a small assessment upon the members, to employ a local secretary, who will be an active, executive officer. With these county units organized and in operation, Mr. Seaberg proposes that they be welded together in a state organization, the secretaries of the various counties being the official representatives in the state organization. The necessary revenue, he suggests, might be readily procured by a minimum membership fee of \$1, and a small tax, possibly of 2-10 of a mill, on the net property valuation of the members. Thus, without laying a burden upon anyone, his plan would produce sufficient revenue for practical work, and at the same time limit the organization to what its name implies, one made up of bona fide taxpayers.

Following the meeting of the state tax commission at Santa Fe on April 20, it is expected that a meeting of the men who have interested themselves in the proposed Taxpayers' League will be called either in Albuquerque or Santa Fe, when this and other practical suggestions for immediate and effective organization will be discussed and a working plan agreed upon. It has been suggested that the tax commission itself might interest itself actively in encouraging the organization of the association.

Spanish-Americans Predominate

Santa Fe, N. M., April 18.—Statistics compiled by Adolf P. Hill, clerk in the office of the secretary of state, who last year represented the Spanish-Americans as a candidate for capitation commissioner on the democratic ticket, show that the Spanish speaking voters at the last election outnumbered the so-called American, or English speaking citizens. Spanish-Americans numbered 26,563 and Americans numbered 20,150, giving a majority of 6,413 for the Spanish-Americans. The statistics are the result of a careful examination of the poll of the more than 600 election precincts of the state, and the Spanish-American people propose to use the figures in an effort to secure a more equal division of the offices, of which the Americans now hold the lion's share.

The statement shows no Spanish-American voters in either Curry or Roosevelt counties; Eddy county has but three, while Chaves county has about the same number.

English Women Volunteer

London, April 23.—Thirty-three thousand women had registered for special war service up to the end of March. This statement was made tonight by Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, to a deputation representing the various women's societies in London.

Six thousand of the women, he said had declared themselves willing to work in armament factories, four thousand in clothing factories, 1,700 in dairy work, 500 as gardeners, 2,000 in various branches of agricultural work, 1,000 as shop assistants, 500 as leather workers, and 5,000 in clerical work. Six hundred women had been given employment at the board of trade, Mr. Runciman said.

The government, the speaker said, insisted that women employed on government contract work be paid the same price as men. It has been arranged to give women willing and qualified to undertake agricultural or dairy work, a fortnight's training in agricultural colleges, paying them meanwhile \$5 per week as a living allowance.

Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragist, urged that the government should take measures to secure for women, in whatever capacity they are employed, the same pay as men receive.

A New War Horror

The national Red Cross headquarters would not sound a terrible warning as that which it has just issued if the peril which it points out were not real. The Red Cross sees the possibility of such a plague in Europe as the world has never witnessed before. Its warning is one to make humanity shudder, to bring pallor to the cheek, to create a new and keener realization of the horror of this unspeakable nightmare of war.

There is the eloquence of deep earnestness in its description of the menace: With much of continental Europe in a highly unsettled state, with fields and trenches drenched with blood; with shallow graves of thousands of dead scattered through out the war zone; with vermin and filth on every hand; with hundreds of thousands of wounded being cared for in a pitifully inadequate way; a vast number of them have infected wounds, and with the approach of warm weather and attending flies and mosquitoes, Europe may well be gravely apprehensive—fearful that an unprecedented plague will sweep the old world.

That is not mere hysteria—a ghastly phantom which can have no reality. The Red Cross experts are well qualified to estimate the peril of which they speak; and when they say that it is real and imminent, there can be no discrediting their judgment. It is gravely doubtful whether even the most admirably scientific methods can hold the disease in check when summer comes to the vast charnal house into which Europe is being converted. Serbia is an example of what may presently be witnessed on a much larger scale.

Serbia is in the grip of typhus and of typhoid. Already the deaths from typhus have reached a total of 50,000, and the disease is spreading rapidly in spite of the heroic efforts of surgeons and nurses, many of whom are Americans who have volunteered for this perilous service.—Oklahoman.

J. E. Rhodes, one of our regulars at Delin, was a trader in the city Tuesday.

Floyd C. Field and J. C. Nealey, two of the foremost ranchmen of the Clapham country, attended to business in the city Thursday and Friday.

"The Wishing Ring" in 5 acts, featuring Vivian Martin, at the Dixie Friday afternoon and night, April 30th. R. W. Isaacs says: "Saw this production in Denver. One of the prettiest productions I ever saw."

NEWS OF THE STATE CAPITAL

State Treasurer Enjoined to Prevent Payment of Salary to Alleged Auditor and Assistants.

Auditor Enjoined

Santa Fe, N. M., April 21.—A temporary injunction was issued in the district court here today restraining the state auditor from drawing warrants to pay the newly appointed traveling auditor and assistants their April salary. The injunction was granted on application of a taxpayer who alleges that the law creating the position is not valid because passed after noon of March 12. The court will test the validity of a large number of laws similarly passed.

Bursum on Tax Commission

Santa Fe, N. M., April 21.—The governor today announced the appointment of H. O. Bursum, of Socorro, a leading republican and candidate for governor at the first state election, as a member of the state tax commission vice Jose Perea, resigned. Mr. Bursum has not notified the governor of his acceptance or rejection.

Floods Cause Destruction in Capital

Santa Fe, N. M., April 21.—At least 100 people are practically destitute in a Spanish-American suburb of Santa Fe as the result of the prolonged rains. The public schools were thrown open to the people that suffer until they can repair their homes and the city council last night made an appropriation for their relief.

Local Option Election June 7

Santa Fe, April 21.—The Santa Fe city council on receipt of a petition bearing nearly 300 names last night ordered a special election on June 7 under the local option law. A vigorous campaign between the wet and dry forces will follow.

Wilson Urges Calmness

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson urged calmness on the part of the United States during the European crisis in an address here today formally opening the Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He said that he could speak only in general terms and that it was indiscreet for him to speak at all.

The president declared that the supreme test of a nation was self-possession, the powers to restrain emotions, think calmly and be absolutely sure of everything it does. The United States, he said, must possess the judicial temperament, not in order to judge others, but in order to judge what itself does. The president described the United States as a melting pot of nationalities, and added that the nation was now on its mettle to act righteously.

Good News

Sheriff Ray Sutton, J. L. Pryor, W. G. Sears, S. R. Witcher, and Elza Davis, all old friends of The News editor from Ellis county, Oklahoma, spent Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in the city. They had been to Des Moines where Mr. Pryor and Sheriff Sutton are putting in a bank. Mr. Sears has bought the Des Moines townsite and informs us that he has succeeded in bringing peace to that town, an act for which he should be called blessed Mr. Witcher will engage in the furniture business at Des Moines. Mr. Davis is one of the leading druggists of his home city. The News hereafter will keep the whole bunch posted on affairs in Union county. This sheet is a winner.

Dennis M. McClure, one of the progressive farmers of southeast of town, was in the city Tuesday and brought us a sample of the wheat growing on his place. It is fine, and Mr. McClure says that he expects a yield of at least thirty bushels to the acre, and would not be surprised if it beats that by one-third.

School Notes

School closes May 21. Baccalaureate sermon will be on Sunday, May 16th.

During the past week we have had several visitors, among the number being Mr. Guyer, Secretary Board of Education; Supt. H. H. Errett and Prof. Ledgerwood, also Prof. Granger, of Missouri.

Dr. Boyd was with us two days and made a thorough inspection of the schools. He reports everything in excellent condition.

The library books have not come yet.

Rev. Dum was a substitute for Mr. Jackson one half day.

The board will no doubt level up the yard and sow some grass this spring.

There will be three graduates this year, Marion Chelf, Clarence Loveles and Ina Hardgrave.

There was a hard fought battle on the diamond with the Texline Giants Friday. Our people won 11 to 18 over the Giants. It was the first game of the year.

J. W. Thompson, Supt.

See the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery every Wednesday night at The Dixie. 47-21.

MATRIMONIAL

Spain—Sparks

Warren Spain, a former editor of the Texline Enterprise, now engaged in business in Amarillo, Texas, and Miss Ethel Sparks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sparks of this city, were married at the home of the bride's parents Monday evening, the 19th inst. Rev. Ray S. Dum, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. These young people were raised in this section and count their friends by the hundreds. The News is pleased to extend congratulations and wishes them happiness and success in their new relation.

Steele—Fox

Joseph Steele, the popular young barber of Des Moines, and Miss Naomi Fox, the charming youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fox of Des Moines, and sister of Mrs. Hyden Edmondson of Clayton, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Des Moines, Sunday, the 18th inst. The bride is a Clayton girl and has many friends here. This is a popular couple and their hosts of friends join The News in wishing them every success in life.

Barr—Sterling

Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Justice of the Peace Kingdom spoke the words that united in marriage Mr. J. C. Barr and Mrs. Nancy Sterling, a popular couple of the Cuates neighborhood. This marriage was quite a surprise to their many friends, and something of a disappointment to several eligible bachelors. The News extends congratulations and best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Barr have purchased the rooming and boarding house formerly conducted by Mrs. Chiles, and have taken charge of the business. They ask the patronage of all in need of a good meal.

Dyer—Hardy

Ray D. Dyer, one of the prosperous young farmers of southeast of town, and Mrs. Sarah F. Hardy, a lady of the same neighborhood, were married in Clayton Tuesday, the 20th inst. They will make their home on Mr. Dyer's farm near Thomas. The News extends the usual congratulations and wishes them every joy in their journey through life.

Carl Eklund returned today noon from a short business visit to Denver.

This week G. W. Sparks had his name added to our subscription list. Last fall Mr. Sparks acquired one of the finest ranches on the Penibetis, and is preparing to move his family to the ranch right away. The News is a winner.

OBREGON VICTOR OVER VILLA

Pancho's Losses Now are Reported as 6000 Killed and 5000 Desertions. Villa Retreating Northward.

El Paso, Texas, April 22.—An official Carranza statement regarding the aggressive campaign against the Villa forces was given out today as follows:

"General Obregon reported today to the first chief that he had been joined by General Dieguez and their combined forces of 40,000 men are twelve miles north of Irapuato and continuing in that direction. The Dieguez forces have taken Guadaluajara.

Official advices place the Villa losses at Celaya at 6,000 killed and wounded in addition to 5,000 desertions. Constitutionalists have reoccupied the states of Jalisco and Michoacan.

"San Luis Potosi has been evacuated by Villa forces."

Kaiser Popular with his People

London.—"The German Emperor's popularity has undoubtedly increased with the war," writes a neutral correspondent to the Times from Germany. "He is considered to be the only man fit to serve as an example to his subjects and he is at the same time the embodiment of all they most admire. His outward appearance, his mind, his piety, and almost all his undertakings are in accordance with the taste and wishes of his people.

"That he is clever, active, and in many ways brilliant, even his worst enemies admit; most of his subjects, in their idolatry, think him infallible. Among the military caste, however, though nothing is openly said against him, he does not possess the same influence in directing strategical operations as he unquestionably had in the early stages of the war. His generals seem to have found a way of preventing him from seriously interfering with the campaign."

They are Free

Copy for New Mexico Experiment Station Bulletin No. 92, was recently sent to press, and the bulletin will be ready for distribution within a few days. This was prepared by Director Garcia and J. W. Rigney, and deals with onions, cauliflower, spinach and casabas. It explains the cultural methods that were employed and gives the yields that were secured with the different varieties. In the case of onions, the experiments included a test of several fertilizers.

The bulletin will be sent free to any interested person on request.

To the Taxpayers of Union County

Notice is hereby given that the 2nd half of 1914 taxes will become delinquent on the first day of June, 1915, and will draw interest from that date at one per cent a month, and if not paid within 45 days after the first of June, 1915, either by demand or distraint, a notice of sale will be published for 4 weeks and a date for sale will be fixed, unless they are paid by or before that time they will be sold to the highest bidder according to law.

You are requested to bring the notice sent you in December or the receipts for the first half, with your remittance.

NESTOR C. de BACA,
Treasurer & Collector.
F. C. de BACA,
Deputy.

4-24-5-15

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

Sol W. Ham and Family.

Pop Corn and Peanuts

Franz Dyche is the merchant who handles the best. Try his wares and see how good they are. Always hot and good to eat.

L. G. Lujan, merchant, of Mexhoma, attended to business in the city the first of the week.